

SENATE BILL 3710

By Ford, O.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated. Title 29
and Title 48, relative to tort liability of certain
charities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Section 29-34-2___. It shall not constitute a defense to any cause of action based
on tort brought against a corporation or its employees that the corporation is, or at the
time the cause of action arose was, a charity for purposes of Internal Revenue Code,
Section 501(c)(3); provided that if the tort was committed in the course of any activity
carried on to accomplish the charitable purposes of such corporation, liability in any such
cause of action will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The provisions of
this section shall be limited to Section 501(c)(3) corporations that have provided
charitable services in Tennessee for at least twenty (20) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.